

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Independent claims 1, 6, and 7 have been amended. Support for the amended claims can be located at page 7, lines 8-19 of the specification of the present invention.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,146,552 (Cassorla) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,561,446 (Montlick).

Cassorla is directed to allowing a writer or an editor of an electronic document to add marks so that document elements such as chapter, section, subsection, paragraph and drawings can be identified. The reference also discusses a configuration in which a reader can add a pinpoint annotation at a specific line or word. More specifically, a user can specify where in a document to insert a bookmark and/or highlight by specifying a position to insert using a pointing device such as a mouse. Further, it discloses that the line number, writer identification, date information and the like are added to a text and are stored in a file or partition of a file on a host system.

Montlick is directed to a method and system for wireless remote information retrieval and pen-based data entry including a central computer system having a relatively large storage capacity and/or access to relatively large storage devices. According to Montlick, one or more portable pen-based computers are provided with wireless communication capability for connecting with a central computer system through the wireless network. The central computer system is provided with software for accessing a plurality of digitally stored forms and transmitting those forms to the pen-based computers in response to selection requests from the pen-based computers.

In the present invention, the handwriting input judgment means 13 judges whether a point indicated on a screen is a possible area for handwriting input. When there is an indication by the pointing device 2 on a hypertext link object displayed in the web browser, the informational content linked to that link is displayed. When the position currently indicated by the pointing device 2 in the document data being displayed by the browsing means 12 is a screen element that holds a special function, the positional information indicated by the pointing device 2 is sent as it is to the browsing means. However, when the screen element does not hold a

special function, the positional information indicated by the pointing device is sent to the handwriting input means 14. See specification of the present invention, page 7, lines 8-19.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 6, and 7 are patentable over the references, as neither Cassorla nor Montlick, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests, "an additional information input judgment means judging whether handwriting input is enabled at a location," as recited in currently amended independent claim 1, for example.

Assuming *arguendo* that the combination of Cassorla and Montlick suggests receiving input of additional information that includes handwritten pen-track data, neither Cassorla nor Montlick, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests judging whether handwriting is enabled. For example, Cassorla's annotations are simply stored within or separately from published material. Although Montlick discloses relating handwriting to other information, no judgment regarding whether handwriting input is enabled at a location is performed in Montlick. Therefore, Montlick does not add any relevant information to Cassorla. Hence, claims 1, 6, and 7 of the present invention are patentable over the cited combination. As dependent claims 2-5 depend from independent claim 1, the dependent claims are patentable over the references for at least the reasons presented for independent claim 1.

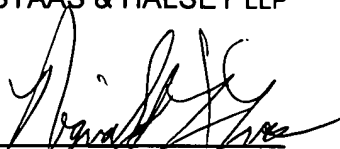
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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